

MONTANA [district #] JUDICIAL DISTRICT YOUTH COURT, [county] COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:  [name of youth], A YOUTH	CAUSE NO. [cause #]  ORDER FOR COST-OF-CARE CONTRIBUTION
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By Order dated [DATE], the Court has placed the above-named youth in an out-of-home placement requiring payment by [Department of Corrections / Youth Court]

Pursuant to the Youth Court Act, the Court has determined the financial ability of the parents or guardians of the youth to pay a contribution covering all or part of the costs for the adjudication, disposition, attorney fees for the cost of prosecuting or defending the youth, the costs of detention, supervision, care, custody and treatment of the youth, including the costs of necessary medical, dental, and other health care, as specified below.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

COST-OF-CARE CONTRIBUTION

[PARENT NAME], the youth's [FATHER/MOTHER], shall pay a contribution for care, custody, and treatment in accordance with the Uniform Child Support Guidelines in the amount of \$[CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT] per month or \$[CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT] per day to the State of Montana. This amount shall accrue from the date the youth is placed out of the home and shall continue for each month the youth remains in placement, regardless of changes in

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placement, until, and including, the month the youth is released from an out-of-the-home placement.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF SUPPORT

Any monies currently due and payable to the custodial parent for the benefit of the youth pursuant to a court order or settlement agreement are hereby assigned to the State of Montana for the duration of the youth's placement or until the expiration of payments in accordance with said order or agreement, whichever comes first.

#### INCOME WITHHOLDING

The obligation established by this order is enforceable by delinquency income withholding pursuant to Title 40, chapter 5, parts 3 and 4 of the Montana Code Annotated. Should the above-ordered cost-of-care contribution by the parent/guardian become delinquent, an income withholding order shall be issued and enforced. The Court finds, in the best interests of the youth, good cause not to require immediate income withholding because direct payments to the Department of Corrections instill greater responsibility on the part of the parent(s)/guardian(s) for the actions of the youth, maintains the confidentiality of the youth's adjudication, and provides flexibility in the timing of the payments to ensure the household to which the youth returns remains economically viable. The Court notes that employed parents generally maintain their support obligations in a timely manner.

**If you object to, or desire a hearing in regard to, this Order for Cost-of-Care Contribution and your resulting obligation, you must request such a hearing within 10 days of the date of service of this order. DATED this [date] day of [month], 20[year].**

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YOUTH COURT JUDGE

cc: County Attorney, Esq.  
Public Defender, Esq.  
Youth's Parent [insert address]  
Youth Probation Office  
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